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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The Examiner maintains that the prior art discloses the invention as claimed, i.e., the broadest definition of "film" is a "thin covering" and the prior art devices can clearly be considered "thin coverings". Further, the Examiner maintains that the prior art films have a three-dimensional shape. The Applicant contends that the prior art has a two dimensional cross-sectional shape, and therefore are not applicable, however, the claims do not call for a limitation on the cross-sectional shape.